A RELATION
Of
Captain Bull,
Concerning the
MOHAVVKS
At *FORT-ALBANY*. May, 1689.

CONnecticot *Colony upon many Rumours of Hazzard, ſent Captain* Jonathan Bull *to* Albany *to inform the* Albanians *of the News from* England *we had Received; and what Change was made in the* Bay, *who ſeemed much Rejoyced; Declaring they'd allow the Fort to Remain not twelve Hours longer in Papiſts Hands: That being noiſed about, Major* Baxter *Declared he'd Remove in four or five Days, which accordingly he did, leaving the Fort to the Inhabitants, who have placed twenty five Men in it for the beſt.*

The *Engliſh* and *Dutch* there are very ſure of the Friendlineſs of the *Mohawks*, and the five other Nations above them.

May 24. The *Mohawk Sachems*, appeared in the Court-Houſe of *Albany*, with a Preſent of Beaver of about twenty pound value, who choſe their Speaker, he taking two or three Skins, the reſt ſitting ſilent, Roſe up and ſaid:

1. Brethren, we are now come as our Grandfathers uſed to do, to Renew our Unity, Friendſhip and Covenant made by us and you.

2. We deſire the Houſe, being the Covenant and Propoſition Houſe may be kept clean, that we may keep a clean, ſingle, and not a double heart.

3. We do now Renew the Former Covenant or Claim that hath been made between us and you; (*viz.*) *New-England, Virginia, Mary-land*, and thoſe parts of *America*, that it may be kept bright on every ſide, and not ſuffered to ruſt, or be forgotten.

4. We are heartily ſorry to hear of the Bloodſhed by thoſe ill minded *Indians* to the *Eaſtward*; and we now Preſent this Guift as our *Indian* manner is, to wipe the Tears from the Eyes, and the Blood from off the Relations of thoſe who have loſt Friends by thoſe ill-minded men.

5. Let the Tree of Love, Unity and Commerce grow and flouriſh, and let the Roots ſpread and branch forth through all our ſeveral Dominions, to ſtand faſt that none may move it; ſo that we may live under the ſhade of the Tree, ſo that the Sun of Diſcord and Quarrelling may not ſcorch and wound us.

6. We have heard there hath been ſeveral Embaſſyes the laſt year from you to *Canady*, that we could not be acquainted with, we do all publickly Above-board, and we deſire you do ſo alſo.

We heard that the *Eaſtern Indians* came where ſome of our men were Hunting, deſirous to ſpeak with us, but we refuſed to have any diſcourſe with them, but warned them to be gone, ſo that they came not near our Forts, but went as they came.

7. We intend a Meeting of the Chief of our five Nations in a little time, at *Amadado*, there further to conſider of publick Affairs, and deſire that you would ſend ſome perſons from you to hear what we ſhall Confer of, and alſo ſome of the *River Indians* if they ſee cauſe, the Meeting was chiefly intended to conſider what Anſwer to give the *French*, who had often ſent to have Speech with them.

VVhen the *Sachems* had heard how Matters were circumſtanced, in the Country, and what News was come to hand, ſeemed to be glad, and much Rejoiced, & wholly laid aſide their intended Meeting, promiſing neither to ſpeak with them, nor to allow the *French* to ſpeak to them.

The *Dutch* at *Albany* ſay, the *Mohawks* ſhew themſelves very willing to go againſt the *Eaſtern Indians*, if Deſired.

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